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APPLICATIONS FROM NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR CONSULTATIVE STATUS

Note by the Director-General

Provides information on the following six non-governmental organizations applying for consultative status with UNIDO: All-Russia Market Research Institute (VNIKI), Association Compagnia Delle Opere (CDO), Association of former United Nations Industrial Development Experts (AFIDE), Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration, International Congress of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs (ICIE), and Volunteers Association for International Service (AVSI).

1. In accordance with Article 19.1 (b) of the Constitution of UNIDO and the Guidelines for the Relationship of UNIDO with intergovernmental, governmental, non-governmental and other organizations (decision GC.1/Dec.41), in particular paragraph 17 of the annex thereto, information on six governmental organizations (NGOs) seeking consultative status with UNIDO is circulated to the members of the Board in the annex to the present document. More detailed information on each NGO is available with the Secretariat.

2. Paragraph 17 of the annex to the Guidelines stipulates that the Board shall establish appropriate procedures for reviewing applications from NGOs for consultative status. To facilitate and accelerate its work, the Board may wish to follow the practice established at previous sessions and request the Bureau of the Board to review the applications of, and information on, the six NGOs annexed to the present document and to submit its recommendations to the Board for consideration at its current session.

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ALL-RUSSIA MARKET RESEARCH INSTITUTE (VNIKI)

Historical background

Established in 1947 in Moscow, the Institute was transformed in 1994 into an open joint stock society with the objective of acting as an independent research and expertise body.

Statutes

Available.

Structure of governing bodies and administration

General Meeting of Shareholders
Board of Director
Director
Acting Deputy Directors

Activities related to the work of UNIDO

(a) Carrying out market research, analysis and forecasting in respect of both domestic and foreign markets;

(b) Elaborating methodological and practical recommendations regarding the development and improvement of Russia's foreign economic activity;

(c) Promoting foreign economic activity in industry at the regional and enterprise levels;

(d) Carrying out commercial and other activities relating to the promotion of foreign trade and investment.

Relations with the United Nations and other IGOs

Cooperation with the International Monetary Fund, World Bank, United Nations regional economic commissions, and International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO.

Relations with NGOs

Cooperation with the International Trade Chamber, the Russian Federation Chamber of Trade and Industry, the Council of Industry Association of Producers and Exporters.

Membership

Individuals, companies, banks.

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ASSOCIATION "COMPAGNIA DELLE OPERE" (CDO)

Historical background

Established in 1986 at Milan, Italy, to promote the spirit of mutual collaboration and assistance and to enhance economic and human resources in enterprises, cooperatives and public welfare and cultural entities.

Statutes

Available.

Structure of governing bodies and administration

Assembly of Members
Board of Directors
Executive Committee
President
Managing Director

Activities related to the work of UNIDO

(a) Organizing training courses and seminars for enterprises as well as providing them with technical, legal and managerial assistance and consultancy;

(b) Collecting and disseminating information;

(c) Organizing meetings and fairs with a view to promoting collaboration among enterprises;

(d) Mobilizing funds and improving access for enterprises to funding sources;

(e) Promoting scientific and technological research and studies as well as technical experimentation.

Relations with the United Nations and other IGOs

Cooperation with the International Labour Organization and the European Union.

Relations with NGOs

Cooperation with Caritas, Italian Federation of Free Trade Unions, Cooperativa Solidarieta, European Business Network for Social Cohesion, SODALITAS and with the Brazilian, Italian and Polish Chambers of Commerce.

Documentation confirming the international character of membership

Available.

Membership

Non-profit organizations, enterprises and individuals.

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ASSOCIATION OF FORMER UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT EXPERTS (AFIDE)

Historical background

Established in 1997 with the objective of offering its collective technical experience in industrial development to developing countries in support of United Nations organizations' technical cooperation programmes.

Statutes

Available.

Structure of governing bodies and administration

General Assembly
Board
Arbitration Committee

Activities related to the work of UNIDO

(a) Developing strategies for sustainable industrial development, policies and plans for various sectors, including privatization and restructuring aspects;

(b) Assisting in establishing production facilities through project identification and preparation;

(c) Carrying out assessment, evaluation and restructuring of existing enterprises and organizations;

(d) Providing assistance to developing countries in meeting their human resource development needs, as well as in areas relating to improving the global competitiveness of existing industries, and in all fields related to environmental protection;

(e) Assisting in the creation of professional associations and institutions for both industry in general and specific industrial subsectors, as well as upgrading existing associations.

Documentation confirming the international character of membership

Available.

Membership
Individuals.

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CAIRO REGIONAL CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION

Historical background
Established at Cairo, Egypt, in 1979 following a decision adopted at the ninetieth session of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee to contribute to and enrich the progress of the economic development scheme in both Asian and African countries through preventing or helping settle international trade and investment disputes.

Statutes
Available.

Structure of governing bodies and administration
Board of Directors
Institute of Investment and Arbitration
Cairo Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
General Secretariat for Arab Arbitration Institutions

Activities related to the work of UNIDO
(a) Providing advice on drafting of international commercial and investment contracts, and on dispute prevention activities;

(b) Promoting arbitration and alternative dispute resolution techniques in the region through the organization of international conferences and seminars and publication of research;

(c) Organizing training programmes and seminars through the Centre's Institute for Arbitration and Investment;

(d) Developing a comprehensive library and data bank on trade and investment, commercial dispute resolution laws, rules and techniques;

(e) Conducting research on trade and investment laws and on new and alternative means of dispute resolution;

(f) Compiling a record of national and regional consultation firms of outstanding reputation in trade, industry and investment.

Relations with the United Nations and other IGOs
Cooperation with the World Bank, World Trade Organization, United Nations Commission for International Trade Law, Chartered Institute for Arbitrators, World Intellectual Property Organization, and League of Arab States.

Relations with NGOs
Cooperation with international arbitration institutions.

Documentation confirming international character of membership
Available.

Membership
Organizations and individuals.

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INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF INDUSTRIALISTS AND ENTREPRENEURS (ICIE)

Historical background
Established in February 1992 in Moscow, Russian Federation, by the National Unions of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs of the former Republics of the Soviet Union with the main objectives of stopping economic recession and reviving and developing industry and other branches of the economy.

Statutes
Available.

Structure of governing bodies and administration
Assembly
Council of the Congress
Control Committee

Activities related to the work of UNIDO
(a) Organizing bilateral and multilateral meetings, consultations, and negotiations on cooperation between the Congress members;

(b) Establishing regional centres and representations of ICIE; conducting presentations, holding exhibitions and demonstrating ICIE products;

(c) Participating in joint ventures, financial and industrial groups, and international economic unions;

(d) Participating in the development and implementation of business, investment, financial and commercial programmes and projects;

(e) Assisting in establishing, and participating in, activities of free economic zones;

(f) Preparing proposals related to industrial and business structures.

Relations with the United Nations and other IGOs

Collaboration with CIS Interparliamentary Assembly and Interstate Economic Committees of the CIS Economic Union.

Relations with NGOs

Collaboration with the General Confederation of Trade Unions, International Center of Scientific and Technical Information, and others.

Documentation confirming international character of membership

Available.

Membership

Associations of manufacturers and business entities and other national and international public organizations.

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VOLUNTEERS ASSOCIATION FOR INTERNATIONAL SERVICE (AVSI)

Historical background

Established in 1972 at Cesena, Italy, to raise awareness of development issues among individuals and institutions and encourage their participation in development cooperation with NGOs from developing countries and countries with economies in transition.

Statutes

Available.

Structure of governing bodies and administration

General Assembly
Board of Directors
President
Managing Director

Activities related to the work of UNIDO

(a) Developing local human resources through implementing educational, managerial and training programmes;

(b) Supporting local communities and institutions in implementing structural interventions in the urban and rural environment of developing countries;

(c) Mobilizing financial resources required for establishing small production companies capable of generating income and jobs;

(d) Rehabilitating and reconstructing structures and services in post-emergency situations as well as in countries with economies in transition;

(e) Fostering job creation and production activities by establishing training centres, cooperating with existing universities and research institutions, and providing support in setting up small production units and cooperatives;

(f) Promoting the transfer of technologies and of technical know-how.

Relations with the United Nations and other IGOs

General consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. Cooperative relations with the European Union, United Nations Children's Fund, United Nations Commission on Human Settlements, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations High Commission for Refugees, United States Agency for International Development, and World Food Programme.

Relations with NGOs

Cooperative relations with Voluntary Organizations in Cooperation in Emergencies as well as universities; NGOs in developing and industrialized countries.

Documentation confirming the international character of membership

Available.

Membership

Organizations and individuals (professionally qualified volunteers) on four continents.

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